

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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"DISABILITY MENTORING DAY"

On October 2002, in conjunction with the observance of National Disability Awareness Month, the Board proclaimed October 16, 2002 as the first county-wide "Disability Mentoring Day." The purpose of this special day was to educate the general public and give employers a glimpse of the tremendous potential of persons with disabilities, who have been called the "largest, best educated, and least tapped resource in America."

"Disability Mentoring Day" is a nationwide effort to promote career development for students and other job seekers with disabilities (mentees) through hands-on career exploration, job shadowing, internship or employment opportunities, and matching of mentee/mentor relationships.

The goals of "Disability Mentoring Day" are to:

- Enhance internship and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Promote disability as a central component of diversity recruitment for a more inclusive workforce.

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- Dispel Employers' fears about hiring people with disabilities.
- Increase confidence among students and job seekers with disabilities.
- Serve as a launching point to promote a year-round, national effort to foster mentoring and career-exploration opportunities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 18, 2006, as "Disability Mentoring Day" throughout Los Angeles County to increase awareness of persons with disabilities in today's workforce.

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